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Dear Senators,

Did you know that landfill leachate, a major source of PFAS contamination in our waterways, can be generated beyond 30 years after a landfill is closed? In 2019 alone more than 13 MILLION gallons of landfill leachate was delivered to wastewater treatment facilities, and the resulting effluent, containing harmful PFAS toxins, went into our rivers and lakes.

If we do not stop putting PFAS laden waste into our landfill, we will never reduce the PFAS contamination in our waterways. We must do what we can now to eliminate the introduction of more PFAS into our state.

Thank you for caring about the health of Vermont citizens!

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